

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 15 and 19 - 23 are presently pending in the application. Claims 16 - 18 and 24 - 26 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to even more clearly set forth the claimed invention and to include all of the limitations of claims 16, 17 and 18, formerly depending therefrom.

In item 22 of the Final Office Action in the above-named case, dated January 11, 2005, it was indicated that original claim 18 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim [claim 1] and any intervening claims [claims 16 and 17]. As such, the limitations of claims 16, 17 and 18 have been incorporated into amended claim 1. It is, therefore, believed that amended claim 1, and all claims depending therefrom, are now in condition for immediate allowance.

It was confirmed in the Office Actions of May 18, 2004 and January 11, 2005, that none of the prior art discloses the combination of elements presented in former claim 18, now amended claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 - 15 and 19 - 23 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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